From: Jonathan Dutch
To: Simmons, Denise
Cc: Emily Greenstein
Subject: Re: Israel / Palestine Issue / Contracts with HP
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:44:32 AM

Thank you for your extremely thoughtful response. This is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Jonathan

On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 3:31 PM Simmons, Denise <dsimmons@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Dutch,
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> Thank you for your email. So far, I have not yet seen an actual draft of the proposed resolution asking the City to cease purchasing HP equipment and supplies. I understand there's been a great deal of concern in the community about this matter – yet I must underscore that this will only appear on the City Council's April 23 agenda if one or more City Councilors sponsor it. We will not know if it is on the agenda until either a City Councilor publicly declares that they'll be sponsoring this (to my knowledge, this has not happened), or until the agenda is finalized by the Clerk's Office and posted online this Thursday evening around 5:30 pm. I can, at the very least, confirm that *I* am not a sponsor of such a resolution.
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> There have been numerous op-eds, emails, and social media posts condemning the City Council for rushing this to a vote without adequate opportunities for the public to weigh in, or even giving people a chance to read the resolution. Some people have condemned the City Council for seemingly being on the brink of passing this resolution, or for seemingly being on the brink of rejecting it. While I understand the passion behind this matter, I must clarify that we do not yet actually have a resolution or policy order in front of us, there has been absolutely no debate about this amongst the City Councilors, and the City Council will not have an opportunity to discuss this amongst ourselves unless and until a resolution is sponsored by at least one of us and introduced at a public meeting. At this point, I am not yet certain if such a resolution will be introduced or not.
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> I appreciate your reaching out and sharing your views on this. I am currently reading up on this issue to be better informed, I am reviewing all the emails and letters coming in about this issue, and I am reaching out to our representatives in Congress to seek their input on an issue that is more international than municipal in scope. Should this matter end up on before the City Council – either on April 23 or at a later date – I will look forward to engaging in a thoughtful discussion and debate with my colleagues on the Council and then seeing how to best resolve this matter in a way that allows everyone to feel they have had a fair chance to be heard. Thank you.

E. Denise Simmons

From: Jonathan Dutch <jd@bosurban.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 3:59 AM
To: City Council; Mayor
Cc: Jonathan Dutch
Subject: Israel / Palestine Issue / Contracts with HP

Dear Council and Mayor,

My name is Jonathan Dutch and I am a resident of 206 Appleton Street and have children at the Amigos School. I also have significant business dealings in the City of Cambridge via my entrepreneur-owned small business.

I am deeply concerned about the Council's intent to discontinue its business dealings with HP based on Pro-Palestinian special interest group lobbying. This is completely inappropriate to discriminate against HP...it sets a biased tone and is contrary to a more global approach from the City towards its vendors. I'm confused as to how we even start a conversation here when the majority of Palestinians and their supporters don't believe Israel has the right to exist?

I will have you know that my family is currently traveling in Spain and even from our hotel room window we are having to explain to our children (4 & 8yrs) what the attached photo represents and means....no where that we have been does the opposite situation present itself, but quite prevalent are the anti Jew and anti Israel sentiments.

I would highly urge you NOT to move forward with this discrimination against HP and rather if it feels appropriate take a larger look at ALL of the contracts with various vendors that do business with the city as many of them are engaged in human rights violations around the world....clearly they are not currently on the table for discussion along with this.

Our family and community have always been supportive of a two state solution in the Palestinian / Israeli discussion and continue to.

We appreciate your consideration and will look forward to your thoughtful response.

With regards,

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